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## RESTORING FOREIGN COMMERCE

The government is brought face to face with the question of restoring our foreign commerce, the bottom of which has been steadily falling through the developments in Europe. As the result thereof it has been realized that extraordinary action is called for and that brought about the change in the ship registry regulations, making it possible for foreign built vessels to carry the flag of this country. The uncertainties, which still linger in the minds of private capital as to the safety with which such changes can be made and escape molestation from the warships of those nations engaged in war, make it evident that the measure from that direction is going to be slow and entirely inadequate to meet the demands and move our exports to Europe and South American ports as in the past and as the opportunity for expansion calls for.

Thus it is a time when government action is called for. Stagnation is threatened by the inability to carry on its commerce and as a result of the unusual situation, the length of which it is impossible to determine, the government ownership of such lines as are necessary is projected. By the asking for \$25,000,000 and the placing of the government behind the proposition of taking over foreign ships, there is called for any possible surmise that the deal is not in good faith, or that it is undertaken simply to take the foreign ships from the inactivity which they have been forced into.

The situation is one which must be met. There are no American ships to undertake the task but the plan which is devised, should serve to afford temporary relief, and the future of American participation in foreign commerce can take care of itself.

## PIUS X.

The death of Pius X is the cause of deep sorrow through Christendom, marking as it does the passing of a revered head of the Roman Catholic church who during eleven years of his influence as pope has directed wisely and well the great religious organization. Even though chosen against his will he assumed the responsibility and duties of the high position with the faithfulness and conscientiousness which predominated his personality. Though his holding of the office was for a period much shorter than those enjoyed by predecessors, he was nevertheless confronted with a great many weighty questions of church policy. He made a number of important changes and was particularly interested in the work of the church in this country.

Pius X rose to his high position in the church from humble surroundings and such had a lasting effect throughout his long life. This was reflected in his gentle character which so endeared him to his people.

Though his health had not been of the best for some time past, the end was unquestionably hastened by the breaking out of war among the European countries, a fact which was deeply distressing to him, a lover and worker for peace. Despite his weak condition his efforts in behalf of peace had been constant and how heavily this weighed upon his mind was shown by the manner in which he engaged his attention to the very end. Deep was his grief over the conflict and it served to undermine his none too strong constitution.

Count Witte says the war will last three months and Field Marshall Kitchener places the limit at eighteen months, but whatever the length it is bound to give new and startling evidence as to the extravagance and cost of such unprovoked action.

## PUBLIC SWIMMING INSTRUCTIONS

The large number of drowning accidents which occur every summer has led to the necessity of making forth calls for increased effort for prevention through instructions in swimming, and it is an excellent move which has been made by New Britain in this direction, through school and playground committees, whereby a swimming school has been established at Fort Hale park.

When a great many children learn to swim because they have the opportunity to do so, there are many others who are not so fortunate, but who are just as liable to need such knowledge for taking care of themselves or aiding others, as the next one. With competent instructors this effort in behalf of prevention should arouse the greatest appreciation in that city, and result in those who do not know how to swim taking full advantage of the opportunity afforded.

When universities and colleges are recognizing the importance of swimming to such an extent that it is made one of the requirements for the attainment of a diploma, it is well that those who do not secure the chance for a college education and training should be furnished what can so easily be gained. New Britain is by no means the first city to put such a plan into operation but it furnishes an example just the same, from which a great many others should profit. The undertaking is one which should be continued, in which the simple means through lives saved for the bound and money expended.

## THE SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT.

In the appointment of Attorney General McMillan as a member of the United States supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Lurton, President Wilson has selected a man, who, as shown by previous action as a member of his cabinet, has his confidence. This is the first appointment to that tribunal in this administration and Mr. McMillan represents a school of thought different from those with whom he will associate. He has not only practiced, but taught law, and his ability has recommended him to not only the president but the nation, in which he has served as an assistant attorney general, being particularly identified with the tobacco cases. He has made a good record as prosecutor of illegal combinations on the bench of the highest court in the land, and it is now to be seen how well the able prosecutor can wear the ermine.

A man of fifty-two years he has a long period of usefulness before him on the bench of the highest court in the land. While others may have seemed to be better qualified for the administration of the duties, he like previous ones, who have become some of the greatest justices, is given the opportunity to demonstrate his judicial ability. That he will be confirmed there seems to be little reason to doubt and he will be buoyed up by the young members of bench, and as the first appointee of President Wilson will be closely watched.

## WILD CARROTS.

It is a timely matter to which County Agent Lincoln is attending in urging the cutting of wild carrot before it goes to seed. While it does not fall of recognition as a great pest to any farm, it must be understood that it is a serious individual opposition that the proper obstruction is going to be placed in the way of its overrunning the land. Though it is not generally respected, it should not be forgotten that the seed is a permiting wild carrot to go to seed is in violation of the law and subject to prosecution and a fine. This is one of the laws which help to better the statute books but which gets altogether too little attention.

Like the caterpillar, moths and other pests the wild carrot deserves to be kept at the minimum, but such is impossible where negligence and failure to assume individual responsibility prevail. There are localities where the damage is restricted in the prevalence of large crops of wild carrot, just the same as caterpillars have been permitted to destroy entire orchards and become a menace to the crops and the health of the people by the roots would mean an endless task but their removal through cutting is not only within the bounds of reason but a duty which justice to one's neighbor and respect for the law impose. The wild carrot like other nuisances should go, and go before the seed is sown for the next year's crop.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A cargo of toys has arrived in this country from Germany. Do your Christmas shopping early.

The trouble in Europe is enough to make the Alsatian mountains and the handsome Danube bluer than ever.

When it comes to a humidity bath there are a good many people who prefer to take it near the seashore.

There is occasionally a day which reminds the casual observer that summer is at hand and doing its worst.

The manner in which foreign countries mobilitize their reserve forces must make the bull moose green with envy.

Those who cry for the news are going to have plenty of opportunity to sympathize with those who cry because of the news.

England is crying for more news of the war, but they are not the only ones who are anxious and want the news, want it right and quick.

Servants in London hotels are reported as refusing tips. If they were in this country they would probably be doubling the ordinary tax.

The man on the corner says: The ultimate consumer is getting plenty of education to select on just where he fits into the order of things anyway.

No one knows better than the engineer corps just how severe a blow has been dealt the project of the war by the banishment of the war correspondents.

There are going to be those who will view the president's second talk in behalf of individual action for neutrality as idealistic and shed it like water from a duck's back.

It took very much as if that \$35,000,000 desired for national highway work could be turned towards the development of a government merchant marine with subsidy discarded.

## WHEN THE GASOLINE QUIT

"Why aren't you out riding this choice summer night?" they asked the young man who is an automobile enthusiast. "Nothing doing," he stated distinctly and coldly. "And I don't go again till my nervous system recovers from the last ride I took! It's a miracle that I am here in possession of my mental faculties instead of tramping up and down a padded cell!"

"It was a wonderful night, and I asked Genevieve to go for a ride. She said she really shouldn't, because her father and mother were coming in on a late train after six months' absence and she must be home to greet them and let them in, because every one else was out. I assured her that I would have her home by 10 o'clock."

"On the way, we picked up the Bobberts. I'm fond of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbert with me in Europe and we ran into every possible car on the road from New Britain to Paris, and a tire blows up every time I take him on a trip at home. But we got to the garage at last and the gasoline quit."

"I was then that Bobbert showed human intelligence. How, he demanded, did I propose to transfer the gasoline? Was I going to siphon it out of the passing car—a method which had its unbecomable features if I did not know how to do it? He said he was going to remove it and carry it across with a teaspoon from the bumper. Just as he was about to start, he saw the blooming car and found I had to have some gasoline to prime the carburetor, as it was out of order."

"I got out and by main force pushed the car up on one side of the road. I prevaricated ahead of us another car that had halted and I made for it. I asked the man in it if he'd carry me to the garage, and he said he would. I got in and he drove off. I was a can of gasoline. B oth he and the lady with him were profuse in sympathy and offers of help and when I got to the garage I had hoped I discovered the reason for their startling cordiality. They had surrounded me with too much alcohol!"

"Now, I am a fatalistic and daring man, but believe me, my hair rose in my ears when I saw the car coming over the road and whenever I would suggest turning toward the garage the lady would clutch her arm and whimper. She said she could not turn where there was a car coming along back of us."

"All the while she kept up a monologue of sympathy for me. We rode miles and miles before I could argue him into turning to the left. When we hit the street car track I made ready to spring out and take a car."

## OTHER VIEW POINTS

We are reminded that these impenetrable steel turrets in the forts at Liege and along the German coasts all come out of that ridiculous "cheese-box on wheels" conception of defense.—Meriden Journal.

"Taxing business taxes your wares" is the cryptic notice which appears of a Hartford concern doing slipped into their pay envelopes last week. The Hartford concern doing slipped into their pay envelopes last week. The Hartford concern doing slipped into their pay envelopes last week.

"Whatever you have, spend less. Frugality is not only the basis of quiet, but of beneficence. Get as much profit as you can, and keep within your income, and you won't go far wrong."

"Small debts are like small shots: they are rattling on every side and can scarcely be stopped without a wound. Great debts are like cannon: of loud noise, but little danger. You know it is better to have a few small charge petty debts that you may have leisure, with security, to struggle with the rest."

"Again Dr. Johnson wrote to Boswell: 'Do not accustom yourself to consider debt only as an inconvenience; you will find it a calamity. Let it be your first care not to be in any man's debt.'"

"There is something likable in that distinction Johnson made between the rattling, worrying, and wounding hail of small debts and the great booming of the cannon of big debt. A dozen creditors a week bearing bills of \$5 or \$10 will make life miserable, though you can continue to live gayly in a city whose debt burden is staggering in size. Thus one's family's share of the debt burden of New York city and state might be about \$1,500, yet it does not seem to be one of the things which worry about it. But one owed \$1,500 to a dozen or so tradesmen of New York city he knows that he should realize very soon that it means to "sink into the quagmires of debt."

Most of the bigger debts are incurred only after careful consideration of the chances of repayment; you incur them in the reasonable hope that you will be able to make good on them, and you make something out of the use of the borrowed sum. The little debts which come continually to live gayly and you know that no permanent profit has come from what they represent. Keep clear of small debts.

Even the Senate Influenced. The Senate Banking and Currency Committee has approved the nominations of Messrs. Delano and Warburg, thus showing that in times of great public emergency senators are willing to overlook the fact that a man is well fitted for the place.—Chicago Herald.

Machinists in Norway make \$7.50 a week.

Today practically all the world's seas have been charted, but about 7,000,000 square miles, or one-eighth of the total land surface of the earth, are still unknown to the white man. The great American explorer stands vindicated and the Antarctic continent is an established fact. Explorers need not only prove that there is a Wilkes Land but have discovered the South Pole. The example set by Wilkes in the Antarctic has been emulated in the Arctic, and today the North Pole is also known. The Pacific Ocean is a great highway of commerce and its travel is hastened upon the accurate knowledge gathered by Wilkes. Every ship finding its way through the unlighted mazes of the South Sea is guided by the surveys of the United States Exploring Expedition, as it has become known historically. The United States still has an unexcelled naval station in the mid-Pacific which is due to the blue-pauper sea of the United States agreement drawn up by Wilkes and the barbarian chief. Because of the decisive action of the American explorer, Hawaii today is an American territory and not a French possession. The South Sea Island natives remember "the American" as they called Wilkes, to this day. According to their myths he taught them hospitality when they practice today by sending the fairest of their maidens to greet the stranger with yams and bamboo tubes of water.

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## TIMELY EDITORIALS

Individual Responsibility. The Bridgeport Post has at the close of a thoughtful article on the aspects and advantages of commission government for cities this paragraph that should catch the attention of the individual citizen in Bridgeport and elsewhere, under commission or any other form of government:

"Responsibility upon the citizens is the keynote of the commission form of government, the best opportunity for voters to get a city government that is true to their interests in its underlying principle. In other words, if the voters of Bridgeport want good government, if they want to avoid even the suspicion of graft, if they desire to get absolute control without the aid of politicians, if they want to get a dollar's worth for every dollar spent, then by employing the commission form of government they can have it."

That is also the keynote of any desirable form of free government—individual responsibility. That is why so many nostrums, such as initiative and referendum and recall, are being tried—merely to cure the one being tried—merely to cure the apathy, the selfish indifference, of the individual.

Learn English First. Something must be wrong with a school system which turns out so many graduates with a reckless disregard for the English language; both as to grammar and spelling. The most striking proof of this is the fact that in many city government offices, where every business house will attest, of finding good stenographers—by that is meant, not persons who can take 150 words of dictation a minute, nor write 80 words a minute on the typewriter, but persons, who, if given unlimited time, can write straight-forward business letter without making ludicrous mistakes in

freeman. Commission government, far from being a nostrum, is an application of practical sense to the management of municipal affairs, but it will be of only partial effect or it will utterly fail unless the voters take hand and show a reasonable degree of interest.

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